

**OFFICIAL COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PROCEEDINGS**  
**JANUARY 7, 2020**

The Board of County Commissioners met in regular session in the Commissioners Meeting Room of the Sublette County Courthouse, in Pinedale, Wyoming, on this date at 9:00 A.M. with David Burnett, Joel Bousman, Mack Rawhouser, Tom Noble, Doug Vickrey, Mike Crosson, Clayton Melinkovich, Skylar Wilson, Holly Dabb of the Pinedale Roundup and Carrie Long, County Clerk present.

Chairman Burnett led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Commissioner Noble, seconded by Commissioner Vickrey to approve the agenda with the addition of the County Attorney before Old Business to request sick leave for an employee. Motion carried.

The minutes of the preceding regular meeting of December 17, 2019 were approved and ordered filed on motion by Commissioner Vickrey, seconded by Commissioner Rawhouser. Motion carried.

In accordance with W.S. 8-4-101 the following holidays were adopted for 2020: Monday, January 20, Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday and Wyoming Equality Day; Monday February 17, President's Day; Monday, May 25, Memorial Day; Friday, July 3, Independence Day; Monday, September 7, Labor Day; Wednesday, November 11, Veteran's Day; Thursday & Friday, November 26 & 27, Thanksgiving; Thursday & Friday, December 24 & 25, Christmas; Friday, January 1, 2021, New Year's upon motion by Commissioner Bousman, seconded by Commissioner Noble. Motion carried.

The Board approved the meeting schedule for 2020 being the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesdays of the month, except: the second March meeting to March 24<sup>th</sup>, the second August meeting to August 21<sup>st</sup>, and the first November meeting to November 6<sup>th</sup>.

Budget hearings were scheduled for June 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. The March 24<sup>th</sup>, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, October 20<sup>th</sup>, and November 17<sup>th</sup> meetings will be held at the Marbleton Town Hall. The 2020 schedule was adopted upon motion from Commissioner Bousman, seconded by Commissioner Rawhouser. Motion carried.

Billy Pape, Road and Bridge Superintendent, met with the Board to update activities. He also advised the Board he had been contacted by Dave Smith and instructed to clear the way for the buildings going to the tower areas at Hogsback and Kismet. He stated he believed winter is not an optimal time to undertake such tasks as doing so presents danger to personnel and equipment and will damage a newly constructed fence. Chairman Burnett said Dave Smith is scheduled to meet with the Board later in the morning and requested Pape come back to the meeting at that time for discussion.

Mike Jackson, representing Rio Verde Engineering, updated the Board on rock quantities for December. Eric Sackett, also representing Rio Verde Engineering, updated the Board on Lysimeter project with the bid due on January 20.

Lee Wright, FCC Construction, met with the Board with a request to borrow from the County's stockpile of rocks for the Tom Brown River Project. He stated his client had received approval to place the rocks in the river to prevent it from changing its current trajectory but the approval came after Wright could access his BLM permit to get rocks. He stated the rocks would be replaced in the spring. County Attorney, Mike Crosson, said he would like to research the Statutes regarding converting county property to private use. It was moved by Commissioner Bousman, seconded by Commissioner Noble to table the discussion until the County Attorney can make a determination. Motion carried.

Matt Gaffney, County Administrator, met with the Board to request approval of public advertisement for the sale of the 1969 Kaiser Wildland Fire Unit. Commissioner Noble made the motion to approve the advertisement, Commissioner Bousman seconded. Motion carried.

Dave Smith, Dave's Electronics, met with the Board to provide information about the future needs of the Dispatch center. He stated the current location is less than ideal for the scope of the project. Sheriff Lehr joined the discussion to support Smith's argument. After discussion, Sheriff Lehr was instructed to assemble interested parties and come back to the Board with numbers and suggestions.

Pape joined Smith to resume the discussion on the transport of the buildings for the Kismet and Hogsback tower sites. Smith said he agreed with Pape about the timing and would look into other options. He later suggested to the Board, the Kismet site could be postponed and the building used for the Luman tower with minimal cost to change out some of the equipment installed. Chairman Burnett instructed Smith to proceed with that plan.

Jeness Saxton, County Assessor, met with the Board to submit a letter of resignation effective February 29, 2020. All Board members thanked her for her many years of service and dedication. Members of the public and the Board expressed their appreciation in a round of applause. Chairman Burnett said he would accept her letter.

Mike Crosson, County Attorney, met with the Board to request a donation of sick leave from Sublette County Employees for one of his employees for January payroll. It was moved by Commissioner Bousman, seconded by Commissioner Noble to grant the request. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Rawhouser, seconded by Commissioner Vickrey to approve accounts payable as audited by the Clerk. Motion carried.

MONTANA STATE UNIVERSITY 2,000.00 / BOTT MONUMENT 25,000.00 SUBLETTE COUNTY PAYROLL ACCT 200,000.00 AMERICAN FAMILY LIFE ASSURANCE 4,279.78 GREAT-WEST TRUST COMPANY, LLC 17,330.00 / SUBLETTE COUNTY PAYROLL ACCT. 421.25 JEFFERSON PILOT FINANCIAL INSURANCE 8,378.48 / 056-NCPERS WYOMING 224.00 NEW YORK LIFE 1,281.81 / SUBLETTE COUNTY PAYROLL ACCT 368,254.88 SUBLETTE CO PAYROLL ACCT 49,869.83 / SUBLETTE COUNTY 1,000.00 / VALIC 208.82 WYOMING CHILD SUPPORT 2,952.00 / WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM 1,290.00 WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM 100,235.62 / WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM 2,545.16 WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM 73,807.13 / SUBLETTE COUNTY PAYROLL ACCT 47.02 WYOMING RETIREMENT SYSTEM 54.15 / ADAMSON POLICE PRODUCTS 266.37 ALERT SENSE, INC. 4,500.00 / ALTITUDE DRUG LLC 1,184.18 AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES 546.49 / AMAZON 2,352.45 / AMERIGAS 2,985.50 AMERICAN SAFETY & HEALTH INSTITUTE 468.02 / AS LV, INC 3,095.00 ASPEN TRAVEL 621.00 / A TO Z HARDWARE 243.11 / AT&T 25.00 MARYLISA BAXLEY 12.40 / BELVEAL'S SIGNS 295.00 / TRAVIS BING 190.00 TRAVIS BINGHAM 90.92 / BOB BARKER COMPANY, INC. 212.16 / BOMGAARS 366.68 JOEL BOUSMAN 115.50 / JOEY BURKE 800.00 / CALIFORNIA NARCOTIC 350.00 CARRIER CORPORATION 2,277.00 / BRYAN CAVE LLP 42,076.67 CDW GOVERNMENT, INC. 244.62 / CONSOLIDATED ELECTRICAL DISTRIBUTOR 6,328.00 CENTURYLINK 22,013.30 / CENTURYLINK 2,516.90 / CIVIL AIR PATROL MAGAZINE 245.00 CNA SURETY 200.00 / COLTON TOWER CONSULTANTS 69,638.00 CONRAD & BISCHOFF INC. 24,594.45 / COURTYARD MARRIOTT - CASPER 376.00 CREATIVE CULTURE INSIGNIA, LLC 40.30 / CUMMINS ROCKY MOUNTAIN LLC 17,356.85 DAVIS & CANNON, LLP 1,375.00 / DAVES ELECTRONICS 14,157.15 DENNIS SUPPLY COMPANY 275.55 / WYOMING DEPT OF HEALTH 19,625.47 WY DEPT OF TRANSPORTATION 2.00 / DEPARTMENT OF FIRE PREVENTION 115.26 DIRECTV 136.23 / DJ'S GLASS PLUS 170.00 / DOMINION ENERGY 6,702.23 DEPT OF WORKFORCE SERVICES 25,482.26 / DUSTBUSTERS, INC. 2,908.11 E & L MOTORS, INC. 1,169.81 / EAGLE UNIFORM & SUPPLY CO. 164.82 FORCE AMERICA DISTRIBUTING, LLC 3,416.47 / FASTENAL COMPANY 517.28 FIRE ENGINEERING COMPANY 2,063.00 / FLEETPRIDE 241.71 FORSGREN ASSOCIATES INC. 716.00 / FRONTIER FORD 153,574.00 / GALLS, LLC 1,388.18 GARMIN SERVICES, INC. 115.16 / GET WESTERN ELECTRIC LLC 5,106.62 GLAXOSMITHKLINE PHARMACEUTICALS 1,977.60 / GREENWOOD MAPPING, INC. 2,160.00 LYNDY GUENTHER 50.00 / STEVE HARRISON 113.68 / THOMAS A HARNACK 330.00 HD SUPPLY 398.00 / HELEN HEGARDT 1,041.67 / HELMETLIGHT, INC. 315.81 HERITAGE FOOD SERVICE GROUP 315.02 / INFINITY POWER & CONTROLS, LLC 163.22 INTERSTATE BATTERIES OF 647.75 / WILLAMINA IREY 586.61 / J. J. KELLER 1,953.44 JME FIRE & HOIST PROTECTION, INC 4,266.90 JOHN BUNNING TRANSFER CO. INC. 8,450.00 / JOHN THOMAS JOHNSTON 650.00 JORGENSEN ASSOCIATES PC 19,923.65 / ROBERT LAING 71.83 / TRAVIS LANNING 98.08 JANA LEE 1,945.21 / LITTLE ANGELS SUIDI DOLLS LLC 120.85 L. N. CURTIS & SONS 4,184.16 / LR COMMUNICATIONS, INC. 59.00 M & M TRANSFER INC. 12,720.45 / MANSUR, KRYSTAL 883.56 MAX FIRE APPARATUS 1,908.94 / MMSGs 217.72 / MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC 1,716.86 MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS, INC. 34,731.00 / OFFICE CHAIR AT WORK 1,016.00 OFFICE OUTLET 210.41 / OTIS ELEVATOR COMPANY 2,151.24 PALACE STATION HOTEL & CASINO 1,931.94 / JOHN PARAVICINI 66.94 PUBLIC AGENCY TRAINING COUNCIL 695.00 / PERFORMANCE TECH, LLC 570.85 PETERBILT OF WYOMING 2,066.64 / PINEDALE AUTO SUPPLY 1,032.89 PINEDALE COMPUTER 120.00 / PINEDALE NATURAL GAS CO. 13,224.22 PLAINSMAN PRINTING & SUPPLY 382.91 / PRAXAIR DISTRIBUTION INC 138.56 PRO. BALER SERVICES, INC 81.00 / CHRIS WEBB 936.32 / QUILL CORPORATION 1,815.84 RAMKOTA HOTEL AND CONFERENCE 332.00 / REBEL AUTO PARTS 2,009.08 REED SMITH LLP 3,437.04 / RENDEZVOUS POINTE 86,255.00 RIDLEY'S FAMILY MARKETS 190.20 / RIO VERDE ENGINEERING 23,337.15 RIVERA LODGE 245.00 / ROCKY MOUNTAIN POWER 12,215.30 ROCKY MOUNTAIN WASH, LLC 167.50 / ROCKY MOUNTAIN YETI PINEDALE 81.20 MEGAN SMITH 292.86 / SPRINGHILL SUITE - CHEYENNE 96.00 SUBWAY SANWICHES & SALADS 79.98 / T & L SALVAGE & REPAIR 100.00 KENNA TANNER 150.00 / TRENTON TAYLOR 500.00 / TEGELER AND ASSOCIATES 41,752.80 TEGELER & ASSOCIATES 16,498.00 / THOMSON REUTERS-WEST 35.28 TIME PAYMENT CORP 990.00 / THE TIRE DEN, INC. 20.00 / HILLARY TOLLISON 224.21 TRANS UNION RISK AND ALTERNATIVE 177.80 / TODD R.

LIEBELT 226.80 KARSON TURNER 35.37 / ULINE 2,698.33 / UNION TELEPHONE 899.54 / USIQ,INC. 153.93 UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING 8,367.00 / VALLEY WIDE COOPERATIVE 93.24 VERIZON WIRELESS 4,721.80 / WASHINGTON ASSOC. OF SHERIFFS 1,350.00 WAXIE SANITARY SUPPLY 115.94 / WESTERN VETERINARY SERVICE 156.25 WEX BANK 1,199.76 / WILLIAMS AUTOMOTIVE INC. 149.13 WINTER EQUIPMENT COMPANY INC 9,109.93 WIRELESS ADVANCED COMMUNICATIONS, 5,900.00 / WYOMING MACHINERY COMPANY 2,339.23 WYO LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY 825.00 / XEROX CORPORATION 76.59

It was moved by Commissioner Bousman, seconded by Commissioner Rawhouser to approve payroll in the amount of \$1,053,105.17. Motion carried.

Jeness Saxton, County Assessor, met with the Board with one notice of valuation change from Exxon Mobil Oil Corporation resulting in a decrease of tax of \$225.33.

Jim Mitchell, Emergency Management Coordinator, met with the Board to request regifting a truck mounted sander to the Sublette County School District #9. It was moved by Commissioner Rawhouser, seconded by Commissioner Noble to grant the request. Motion carried.

It was moved by Commissioner Noble, seconded by Commissioner Rawhouser to make the following Board appointments: Susan Nesson to a 5 year term on the Fair Board, Monte Bolgiano to a 5 year term on the Recreation Board, Michael Stauthamer to a 5 year term on the Recreation Board, Andrea Lewis to a 3 year term on the Certified Local Government Board, Don Schooley to a 3 year term on the Certified Local Government Board, Clint Gilchrest to a 3 year term on the Certified Local Government Board, and Bob Beiermann to a 3 year term on the Certified Local Government Board. Motion carried.

Old Business:

Commissioner Noble said he had talked to Kelly Crane and the open position at the Extension Office had not been filled internally and is now open for outside applications. Commissioner Noble, Commissioner Vickrey and County Administrator Matt Gaffney were directed to participate in the interviews of potential applicants.

He had also attended a meeting with the Lee Ditch Association with more meetings to come. Commissioner Vickrey and Commissioner Rawhouser had nothing to report.

Commissioner Bousman said he is still participating in the good neighbor authority project with a conference call scheduled the next day. He has several other meetings in the future. Commissioner Bousman said he wanted to address the newspaper comment regarding the Magistrate appointment at the last Commissioner meeting and his lack of declaring a conflict of interest. He wanted the record to reflect he did not believe the discussion was about the two individuals Judge Haws appointed but was about his obligation to bring his appointments to the County for approval. His vote was to support the Judge in his right to appoint whoever he wants to appoint. He also said he believes the Statute needs to be updated to reflect the current Judicial process as opposed to what it was intended to address when it was initiated.

Public Comment:

Betty Fear said she could only hear the Chairman because he was speaking into the microphone but could not hear comments by the rest of the Board. Dawn Ballou from Pinedale Online agreed with Ms. Fear.

Dave Doorn, Sublette County Rural Health Care District, and Sharon Rutsch, met with the Board for a brief update of activities. He stated the District is proceeding with their plans with the assumption the acquisition of the Sublette Center will be taking place. He also had preliminary drawings and cost estimates. He stated the ask from the County would be \$18 million. Commissioner Noble made a motion to commit money not to exceed \$20 million dollars for the Sublette Center portion, upon approval of the USDA loan and approval of the Sublette Center Board. Commissioner Rawhouser seconded the motion. After discussion, Chairman Burnett called for the vote. Commissioner Noble and Commissioner Rawhouser voted yes, Chairman Burnett and Commissioner Bousman voted nay. Commissioner Vickrey abstained from the vote. Motion failed.

It was moved by Commissioner Bousman to support, in concept, moving together in a joint effort between the Board of County Commissioners, the Sublette County Rural Health Care District, and the Sublette Center, in an effort to improve the quality of health care in Sublette County. Commissioner Rawhouser seconded the motion. Motion carried.

County Clerk, Carrie Long, reminded the Chairman the agenda request from Dave Doorn was a quick 15-minute update on activities. She stated she did not believe it was fair to the citizens of Sublette County to

be misled by the agenda when a Commissioner had planned to make a motion involving \$20 million tax payer dollars.

Commissioner Vickrey presented the Board with a list of ideas regarding live streaming the Commission meetings. He requested permission to talk to Information Technology, Mike Christie, about researching live streaming options.

No further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:25 P.M.

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
SUBLETTE COUNTY, WYOMING**

/s/ David Burnett, Chairman

Attest:

/s/ Carrie S. Long, County Clerk